

*315* Loans to Poor in Bihar

6032. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons living below and above the poverty line respectively who have been sanctioned loans by various branches of the nationalised banks at Gumla, Lojardaga, Ranchi, Palamu and Samastipur in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons who have been sanctioned loans during the above period for the purchase of jeeps, trucks, auto-rickshaws and tractors and for setting up small scale industries;

(c) the number of loan-applications pending in these branches for more than one year;

(d) the number of applications out of them which have been recommended by the district industry centres; and

(e) the number of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes applicants who have been provided loans by these banks during the above period and the number of their applications still pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Modernisation of Textile Mills

6033. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Gov-

ernment from the Textile Modernisation Fund to different textile mills during the last the three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government have made any assessment of these mills as to what amount have been spent on modernisation programme and the performance of these mills after modernising their units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):

(a) Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crores)
1988-89	114
1989-90	320
1990-91	273

(b) and (c). Industrial Development Bank of India made a study, sometime in the second half of 1989, of units assisted under Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme which had implemented their modernisation scheme. Most of these were spinning units. Even in the case of composite units, emphasis was mainly on strengthening spinning departments. Modernisation led to significant improvement in overall machine and labour productivity, reduction in waste, better price realisation and profitability. Modernisation had also enabled these units, both spinning and composite ones to increase their export capability.

*316* Indian Overseas Banks Loans Scheme for Gulf Bound People

6034. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Overseas Bank has introduced a loan scheme for people going to gulf countries;

(b) if so, the terms and condition laid down under the scheme;

(c) whether this scheme has been introduced in every branch of Indian Overseas Bank; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to introduce the scheme in all the branches of Indian Overseas Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). According to Indian Overseas Bank, they have a scheme for sanctioning loans to persons proceeding to places in Gulf region, for meeting the passage fare. Under the scheme, Indian Nationals holding valid passports, visa/no-objection certificate and firm offer of employment are eligible for a maximum loan of Rs.10,000/- at a minimum interest rate of 18.0% per annum, repayable in 20 monthly instalments alongwith interest. Such loans are given on a guarantee of two persons. At present, Indian Overseas Bank is implementing the scheme in its branches in Kerala only.

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#### Tea Plantation in Orissa

6035. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the different regions/districts in Orissa where tea plantation has been started;

(b) whether the climatic conditions in some other forest and tribal districts in the State are also favorable for tea plantation;

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase areas under the plantation in Orissa;

(d) whether possibility has been explored to cultivate tea in Mohendra Giri and other hilly areas in Ganjam district of Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Tea plantation has been started in Bhuyanpirih tea garden situated in Keonjhar District in Orissa.

(b) and (c). Preliminary reports indicate that approximately 2800 hectares in Thumamul Rampur Tehsil of Kalahandi Distt. and Darangabadi in Phulbani Distt. are suitable for tea cultivation. Tea Board has sanctioned an amount of Rs.25 lakhs towards setting up tea nurseries as a first step for raising tea plants in the area.

(d) Possibility has not been explored in the said area so far.

(e) Does not arise.

#### Performance of Public Sector Banks and Financial Institutions

6036. SHRIGOPINATH GAJAPATHI:  
SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of public sector banks and financial institutions during the last three years;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government had a proposal to review and monitor the Centrally sponsored schemes in which these banks are involved; and